

# Phukha language

**Phukha** is one of the Loloish languages spoken by the Phula people of Vietnam and China.<sup>[1]</sup>

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## Phonology

### Consonants

Phukha has the following consonants.<sup>[3]</sup>

Phukha	
Phula	
<b>Native to</b>	China, Vietnam
<b>Ethnicity</b>	18,000 Phula people (undated – 2009) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Native speakers</b>	100,000 (2008–2011) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Sino-Tibetan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lolo-Burmese<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Loloish<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Southeastern<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Highland Phula<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Phowa<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hlepho–Phukha<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Phukha</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	phh
<b>Glottolog</b>	phuk1235 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/phuk1235) <sup>[2]</sup>

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Coronal</u>		<u>Retroflex</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Uvular</u>
			<u>Central</u>	<u>Lateral</u>				
<u>Stops</u>	Aspirated	p <sup>h</sup>	t <sup>h</sup>				k <sup>h</sup>	
	Voiceless	p	t				k	
	Voiced	b	d				g	
<u>Affricates</u>	Aspirated		ts <sup>h</sup>	tɬ <sup>h</sup>	tɕ <sup>h</sup>	tʃ <sup>h</sup>		
	Voiceless		ts	tɬ	tɕ	tʃ		
	Voiced			dʒ				
<u>Fricatives</u>	Voiceless	f	s	ɬ	ɕ	ʃ		χ
	Voiced	v	z	ɮ	ʐ	ʒ		ʁ
	Voiced laryngealized	v*	z*			ʒ*		
<u>Nasals</u>		m	n				ŋ	
<u>Approximants</u>		w		l		j		

## Vowels

Phukha has the following vowels.<sup>[3]</sup>

	front	central	back unrounded	back rounded
High	i	ɨ	ʉ	u
Hi-Mid	e	ə		o
Lo-Mid	ɛ		ʌ	ɔ
Low		a		

## Tones

Phukha has five tones:<sup>[3]</sup> high /1/, mid /1/, low /1/, low-rising /1/, and low-falling /1/.

## Notes

1. Phukha (<https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/phh/>) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
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